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1. When does this all end?

- There is no firm end day but expectations are that this could last a few days.
- We expect key milestones in the next 8 hours that will form the predicate for the following week.
- Ottawa Police / OPP / PPS have Police Liaison Teams (PLT) members negotiating with organizers to determine timelines.
- Organizers are non-committal to timelines, some saying that they will remain in place until Vaccine Mandates have been removed.
- Note that this large protest does not have a single point of organization, is non-homogenous, with several groups claiming to be leading the protest.
- This is a dynamic situation with multiple groups at various levels of militancy, with various grievances associated to Covid measures and perceived government imposition on liberties.
- As indicated in many media reports, there are more militant factions within the protest claiming that they will stay for several days and yet others wanting to take more violent actions.
- PLT teams continue to liaise with protestors and organizers to keep a pulse on crowd dynamics and propensity for violence.
- Police Crowd Observers (OPS with RCMP) are integrated in periphery of the protest and observing crowd dynamics and looking for flash points.
- The Combined Intelligence Group (CIG), working out of the NCRCC working diligently to gather relevant intelligence to guide operations, to provide crowd size estimates, and to determine rough timelines.
- The National Capital Region Command Centre (NCRCC) is activated at the highest level with all INTERSECT partners present. The NCRCC will be running 24/7 until the end of this protest.

2. How does this all end?

- The Ottawa Police PLT and PPS Officers will continue to liaise and negotiate with organizers and protestors to ensure a peaceful and non-violent protest.
- Ottawa Police and POJs will respond to all known criminal acts within their jurisdictions.
- The Parliamentary Protective Services (PPS) is leading the Protective posture on Parliament Hill and on Parliamentary Precinct Properties.
- The RCMP will continue to fulfill its Protective Mandate: (IE: Protection of PM, GG and Designated VIPs – Protection of Designated Sites: Rideau Hall and Official Residences)
- Should crowd dynamics turn to violent actions, the Public Order Units will be deployed as / when needed based on pre-determined operational plans and following a strict command structure.
- Several Public Order Units are standing by: OPS, OPP (X2), Toronto (with mounted Unit of 8 horses), London, Durham, York, RCMP (X3)

- As protesters / truckers demobilize at the end of the protest (which could potentially be stretched over a few days) the various POJs will facilitate and coordinate a peaceful egress of the convoy(s) out of Ottawa.
- Great efforts are being made by PLT teams to negotiate an exit plan. The strategy is to ensure that protestors have been heard, that they feel that their message has been received, that they feel that their efforts have paid off. In short that they leave peacefully on their own with their heads held high. Priority is on de-escalation efforts.
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3. What exactly are the plans for Monday in terms of Parliamentary business?

- Parliamentary Protective Services and the RCMP, in collaboration with the Ottawa Police are currently planning the safe ingress, **security of when the House is sitting** and egress of Parliamentarians onto Parliament Hill for the opening of Parliament .
- It is expected that Ministers will have clear directions on movements/plans by later this evening.
- There are on-going discussions, through the RCMP Ministerial Liaison office, in obtaining all pertinent information that would assist in the planning process:
 - o Itineraries.
 - o How the minister's plan to arrive on the Hill: foot, vehicle
 - o If by ministerial driver, identify point of contact.

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- The planning group are working on safe access options.

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- That pre-identified points of access will be secured for Parliamentarians.
- Parliamentarians will be asked to have the identity cards / pins to be readily available and shown upon entry at those access points.
- The Crisis Management Team is fully engaged.
- MPs will be asked to limit foot travel on / off the hill while the protest is on-going (IE: walking to / from offices / residences)

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4. How long do we allow the convoy to stay on Wellington / What's the phased-approach to opening up Wellington?

- as long as Protestors remain peaceful , the will be able to exercise their democratic right to protest for a number of days (TBD)
- should this extend into several days causing undue disturbance to public and businesses in the downtown core judicial authorizations to forcibly remove trucks and protestors may be considered.
- The City of Ottawa, The Ottawa Police and Ottawa Legal Services are currently exploring legal options (IE: injunctions).
- Note that using force to remove protestors and Truckers will be considered as a last resort knowing that this could cause a flash point leading to greater violence and property destruction.
- The preferred strategy is to wait it out.

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